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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

CONFERENCES  
CONCLUDED  
SUCCESSFULLY

The Five-State Conference and the Western Conference of the Council of State Governments are now history. The Council staff is settling back to something more like a routine. We have received many kind words from those involved in the conference and we do appreciate that. The Five-State Conference accepted the invitation of South Dakota to the Black Hills area in 1981 and the Western Conference set plans to meet in Jackson, Wyoming in September, 1980.

INTERIM COMMITTEES

CORRECTIONS  
POLICY COMMITTEE  
TO MEET

The Committee on Corrections Policy and Facility Needs will be meeting October 11 and 12. On October 11 the Committee will be touring the Helena Attention Home, the Aftercare Group Home, and the Mountain View School. Later, the Department of Institutions will present a progress report concerning tentative plans for facilities and programs to meet correctional needs.

On October 12 the Committee will discuss the issue of sentencing. Members will hear presentations from Michael Abley, Montana Supreme Court Administrator; Henry Burgess, Chairman of the Board of Pardons; Harold Hanser, Yellowstone County Attorney; and Judge Gordon Bennett, District Court Judge. The Committee will be reviewing various sentencing alternatives including mandatory/uniform sentencing and presumptive sentencing.

ENERGY  
FORECASTING  
COMMITTEE TO  
MEET IN  
NOVEMBER

Friday, November 2, and Saturday, November 3, are the dates set for the next meeting of the Study Committee on Energy Forecasting. The Committee will ask each major group involved with the production, supply, or consumption of various forms of energy in Montana to present its views concerning the need for and cost of developing and maintaining an independent state forecasting program.

The committee met following the adjournment of the Western Conference of the CSG annual meeting on Wednesday, September 26 to discuss existing regional forecasting programs with Dave Lewis of the Pacific Northwest Utility Conference Committee and George Gwinnutt of the Bonneville Power Administration.

ANNEXATION  
COMMITTEE  
TO MEET

The Study Committee on Annexation will meet on Friday, October 26. The Committee will discuss a background memorandum on annexation law in Montana and will review the results of a survey of other states' annexation procedures and problems. In addition, the Committee members have asked each major interest group concerned with annexation to provide them with a list of problems that these groups have experienced with Montana's present annexation process.

REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD

At its September 8 meeting, the Revenue Oversight Committee received reports on the major lawsuits in which the Department of Revenue is involved, administrative rules it plans to adopt, and the status of several of its programs.

The Committee also discussed at some length research reports on its studies of the greenbelt law and Montana's alcoholic beverages quota system. Members requested additional research on both topics for its November meeting.

NOV. MEETING DATE The next meeting will be held Saturday, November 17.

WATER RESOURCES AND ADJUDICATION OVERSIGHT

WATER RIGHTS  
FORMS AVAILABLE  
IN NOVEMBER

The Water Resources and Adjudication Oversight Committee met on Saturday, September 22. Chief Water Judge W.W. Lessley of Bozeman showed the Committee the draft claim forms that had been prepared by the judges. He said each form is as simple as it can be and still provides the necessary information. There is one form for irrigation, one for stock water, one for domestic water, and one for other existing rights. These forms will be available in Department of Natural Resources district offices after November 5. The judges have directed that a series of informational meetings be

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INFORMATIONAL  
MEETINGS IN  
YOUR AREA

held throughout the state during November through January. Cities chosen for these meetings include Kalispell, Thompson Falls, Drummond, Missoula, Hamilton, Shelby, Great Falls, Helena, Bozeman, Dillon, Havre, Lewistown, Glasgow, Jordan, Sidney, Miles City, Broadus, Billings, and Big Timber. The date and times have yet to be announced. Watch your local news media for an announcement of the meeting nearest you. In his closing comments to the Committee, Judge Lessley said that this water adjudication program is the most important thing he has done in his life.

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

MEETING

The Legislative Audit Committee will meet October 10, 1979 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the Capitol Building.

REPORTS TO  
BE ISSUED

The Committee will receive, review, and file the following financial/compliance audit reports: Department of Highways\*; Retirement Systems\*; Department of Revenue\*; and CETA (16 reports). (\*Audits conducted by the Office of the Legislative Auditor. CETA audits conducted by Certified Public Accountant firms.)

REPORTS  
AVAILABLE

Audit reports are available to all interested parties. Please contact the Legislative Auditor, Room 135, State Capitol, Helena, Montana 59601, telephone 449-3122.

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD  
SEPTEMBER 28

The Administrative Code Committee met in Helena on September 28. The Committee considered Issues 15-18 of the Montana Administrative Register. The Committee also considered requesting an economic impact statement relating to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks rule concerning pipeline crossings of department lands. The rule was proposed for adoption at MAR 12-2-76, Issue 14, 1979 (Montana Administrative Register). The Committee decided to postpone its decision pending a redrafting of the rule by the Department.

## SPECIAL NOTICE ON HAZARDOUS WASTE

The following request was provided by the Montana Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency is currently involved in an effort to identify and remedy abandoned hazardous waste sites in Montana as well as the rest of the country. The Montana office would like to enlist broad-based support in this task. The EPA feels that you, as the elected representatives and officials of the people of Montana, may hear of problems in your districts that might not have been otherwise reported. The Montana office of the EPA would appreciate receiving information concerning hazardous waste sites whenever you might hear about them.

For the purposes of this program, hazardous materials are defined as having one or more of the following characteristics:

- (1) Ignitability (spontaneously combustible)
- (2) Corrosivity
- (3) Reactivity (liable to react with other chemical substances)
- (4) Toxicity
- (5) Radioactivity
- (6) Infectiousness
- (7) Phytotoxicity (toxicity to plants)
- (8) Teratogenicity and mutagenicity (ability to cause birth defects or genetic mutations)

Specific problems or potential problem industries include petroleum refineries, chemical manufacturers, pesticide dumps including disposal of poisoned bait (anywhere it might pose a health hazard), smelters, unsecured landfills or dumps, asbestos producers, industries with heavy metal by-products, PCB's (a material used as insulation in some transformers), PBB's (a flame retardant), PVC's (a form of plastic often used in plumbing), acids such as sulfuric or nitric, bases such as sodium hydroxide or lye, solvents such as amines and phenols, unsecured mine tailings (especially containing pyrites), paint or ink manufacturers, and uranium mining or milling operations.

Please report problems that may come to your attention to the Montana State Department of Health and Environmental Sciences (Solid Waste Management Bureau), 1400 11th Avenue, Helena, Montana 59601, 449-2821, to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Office Building, 301 South Park, Drawer 10096, Helena, Montana 59601, 449-5486, or to the toll free number of the Citizen's Advocate 1-800-332-2272.

## LEGISLATIVE INTERIM CALENDAR

SATURDAY

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THURSDAY

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| 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 LEGISLATIVE<br>AUDITOR<br>Rm. 104<br>9:00 a.m.  | 11 CORRECTION<br>POLICY & FACILITY<br>NEEDS<br>1:30 p.m.<br>Rm. 104 | 12 CORRECTION<br>POLICY & FACILITY<br>NEEDS - Rm. 104<br>9:00 a.m.<br>INDIAN AFFAIRS<br>In Billings<br>10:00 a.m. | 13  |  |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17   | 16  | 19 LEGISLATIVE<br>IMPROVEMENT<br>Rm. 104<br>9:00 a.m.   | 20  |  |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24   | 25  | 26 ANNEXATION<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Rm. 108<br>ADMINISTRATIVE<br>CODE<br>(tentative)                                    | 27 PAYMENT IN<br>LIEU OF TAXES<br>FOR STATE-OWNED<br>PROPERTY<br>9:00 a.m.<br>Rm. 104 |  |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31<br><i>Happy<br/>Halloween</i><br> |   |   |   |  |

## LEGISLATIVE INTERIM CALENDAR

MONTH NOVEMBER

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| 4      | 5      | 6 WATER RESOURCES<br>& ADJUDICATION<br>Rm. 108<br>9:30 a.m. | 7         | 8  | 9  | 10   |
| 11     | 12     | 13  | 14        | 15   | 16   | 17 REVENUE<br>OVERSIGHT<br>COMMITTEE<br>Rm. 104<br>9:30 a.m. |
| 18     | 19     | 20  | 21        | 22<br><i>Back to<br/>Work<br/>22.9.92</i><br> | 23   | 24   |
| 25     | 26     | 27  | 28        | 29   | 30 LEGISLATIVE<br>FINANCE<br>Rm. 104<br>10:00 a.m. |  |

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